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Report of the 2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 10 November 2008.

3. The Conference was opened by the Director, Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Algeria, Chile, China, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mexico, Montenegro, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Food Programme and the World Meteorological Organization.

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C. Election of officers

6. The Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President:
Heraldo Muñoz (Chile)

Vice-Presidents:
Joseph Nsengimana (Rwanda)
Ranko Vilović (Croatia)
Emil Breki Hreggvidsson (Iceland)

D. Documentation

7. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2006 (A/63/71-E/2008/46);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.208/2008/1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 2007 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 2008 (A/CONF.208/2008/2 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(d) Draft report (A/CONF.208/2008/L.1);

(e) Background information on programmes and funds for the 2008 Pledging Conference.

E. Announcement of pledges

8. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they had proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.